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For: INDUCTOR AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 18, 2002

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Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Reply is filed as a complete response to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2002, for which a three month time for reply was set. Accordingly, Applicants' Reply is timely filed. Applicants request entry of the present Reply, and reconsideration of the present application based thereon.

AMENDMENT

Please amend claim 8 to read as follows:

8. (Three times Amended) A. lamination ceramic chip inductor, comprising at least one fine, continuous conductive pattern, the at least one fine, continuous conductive pattern having a thickness of 10 μm or more and a width to thickness ratio from 1 to less than 5.

A version of the above amended claim marked to indicate the specific amendments may be found in the attached Appendix, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1).

REMARKS

Claims 8-15 and 21-50 are pending in the present application. Applicants submit herewith a second Declaration under 37 CFR §1.132. Applicants' undersigned attorney notes for the record that the date inscribed on the first page of the Declaration is the date on which the Declaration is submitted, i.e., the filing date of the present Reply, whereas the Declaration itself was executed and dated by the Declarant, Mr. Uriu, on December 2, 2002, as shown on the final page of the present Declaration.

Applicants submit herewith a certified translation of the Japanese priority application, Japanese Patent Application No. 6-217150, filed on 12 September, 1994 in the name of MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. The translation is certified by Mr. Takeshi Oshio, a Japanese Patent Attorney personally known to the undersigned attorney.

Rejection of Claims 8-15 and 21-50 as Indefinite

Claims 8-15 and 21-50 stand rejected as indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the following reasons.

Claim 8 and therefore claims 9-11, stand rejected because there is no antecedent basis for "the at least one fine, continuous conductive pattern". Applicants have amended